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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Senate Bill No. 1015

File No. 605

Cal. No. 375

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
4 section:

5 (1) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
6 240 of the general statutes;

7 (2) "Palliative use" means the acquisition and distribution,
8 possession, cultivation, use or transportation of marijuana or
9 paraphernalia relating to marijuana to alleviate a qualifying patient's
10 symptoms or the effects of such symptoms, but does not include any
11 such use of marijuana by any person other than the qualifying patient;

12 (3) "Physician" means a person who is licensed under the provisions
13 of chapter 370 of the general statutes, but does not include a physician
14 assistant, as defined in section 20-12a of the general statutes;

15 (4) "Qualifying patient" means a person who is twenty-one years of
16 age or older and has been diagnosed by a physician as having a
17 debilitating medical condition; and

18 (5) "Written certification" means a statement signed by the
19 qualifying patient's physician stating that, in such physician's
20 professional opinion, the qualifying patient has a debilitating medical
21 condition and the potential benefits of the palliative use of marijuana
22 would likely outweigh the health risks of such use to the qualifying
23 patient.

24 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
25 regulations concerning the palliative use of marijuana. Such
26 regulations shall include, but need not be limited to, provisions to (1)
27 license private or public growers of marijuana in this state to provide
28 marijuana for palliative use by qualifying patients, (2) establish a
29 system for delivery of such marijuana to qualifying patients that
30 includes dispensing by pharmacies, (3) establish guidelines regarding
31 the written certification issued by physicians to qualifying patients,
32 and (4) establish a fee to be charged to qualifying patients to offset the
33 state's cost for any program developed for the palliative use of
34 marijuana."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section